

**THE ENERGY REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Energy Regulation Act so as to—

- (a) Revise the composition of the Board of the Energy Regulation Board and
- (b) Provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

M. D. KABESHA,
Attorney-General

ABILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Energy Regulation Act, 2026.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Energy Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Energy Regulation Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement
Cap. 436

5 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

10 2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

15 “Engineering Institution of Zambia” means the Engineering Institution of Zambia established under the Engineering Institution of Zambia Act; and

Cap. 432

“Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants” means the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants established under the Accountants Act.

Cap. 390

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by the —

Amendment of section 5

20 (a) deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(1) There is constituted the Board of the Energy Regulation Board which consists of the following part time members appointed by the Minister:

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- (a) the Chairperson, who shall be a person with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act;
- (b) a representative of the ministry responsible for energy; 5
- (c) a representative of the Attorney-General;
- (d) a representative of the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants;
- (e) a representative of the Engineering Institution of Zambia; 10
- (f) a representative of the Zambia Environmental Management Agency;
- (g) a representative of the Economics Association of Zambia;
- (h) a representative of a non-governmental organisation engaged in energy projects and development; and 15
- (i) one person from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act.; and 20
- (b) deletion of subsection (4) and the substitution thereof of the following:
4. A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Board if that person —
- (a) is not a citizen; 25
- (b) is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (c) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member;
- (d) holds or is elected to hold a political office; or
- (e) is a licensee, director or shareholder in a company licensed by the Energy Regulation Board. 30
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